

**Amendments to the Specification**

On page 1 of the application, immediately after the title and before the first line of text, please add the following section:

**Cross Reference to Related Applications**

The present application represents U.S. national stage of international application PCT/EP2003/013535, which had an international filing date of December 2, 2003, and which was published in English under PCT Article 21(2) on July 8, 2004. The international application claims priority to German applications 102 61 161.0, filed on December 20, 2002, and 103 20 197.1, filed on May 7, 2003.

On page 1 of the application, please delete the section heading that presently appears on line 3 and replace it as follows:

~~Description:~~ Field of the Invention

On page 1 of the application, before the paragraph that presently begins on line 24, please add the heading:

Background of the Invention

On page 7, before the paragraph that presently begins on line 29, please add the heading:

Description of the Invention

On page 33, please amend the first line of text as follows:

~~Patent claims:~~ What is Claimed is: